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Re:

Chairman William Mundell Commissioner Marc Spitzer

1200 West Washington

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Arizona Corporation Commission

Docket Nos. 22-0031, E-01345-01-0822, E-00000A-06-0630,

E-01933A-02-0069 and E-01933A-98-0471 Generic Proceeding to Electric Restructuring

Dear Commissioners:

Commissioner Spitzer's June 4th letter and the more recent letter from Chairman Mundell, dated June 11th, raise important issues that need to be addressed. Under the circumstances, I can see the need to schedule an Open Meeting as soon as possible but feel compelled to consider each of the letters separately, as Chairman Mundell's letter significantly expands the scope of Commissioner Spitzer's letter.

Considering the issue of whether granting Tucson Electric Power (TEP) a temporary suspension for compliance with certain Electric Competition Rules and Commission orders is a very narrow issue and I believe can be easily addressed. A temporary suspension, in this particular instance, could be warranted under the circumstances and would not, in my opinion, derail the current efforts to address the fundamental issues being considered in the Generic Proceeding to Electric Restructuring.

The effect of temporary suspension of certain Electric Competition Rules and Commission orders as applied to Arizona Public Service (APS) relating to divestiture has other, further reaching effects. I believe that the legal ramifications of a temporary suspension as applied to APS need to be evaluated before having a hearing on this issue, and suggest that we direct our Legal Division to explore what, if any, legal issues a temporary suspension as applied to APS may have at this date and time. During an Executive Session with legal counsel present, we could then discuss these issues and determine what the appropriate course of action is from a legal standpoint.

I agree with both Chairman Mundell and Commissioner Spitzer that these issues need to be addressed as soon as possible, and would welcome the suggestions of my colleagues as to the best method of handling these issues expeditiously.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Jim Irvin

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